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Kentucky ABC Enforcement Receives Third Chiefs of Police Law Enforcement Accreditation

FRANKFORT, Ky. – (Aug. 5, 2013)- The Kentucky Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Enforcement Division has received the Department's third accreditation from the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police (KACP). The accreditation signifies a high level of law enforcement professionalism based on standards of operation that are reviewed and accepted by the association. The accreditation is valid for five years.

The Division of Enforcement is the only state government law enforcement agency with such an accreditation. Of the important benchmark reached by the agency, Director Mike Razor said, "ABC enforcement personnel have worked extremely hard to maintain and achieve another accreditation from KACP. From the administrative assistants to the investigators in the field, the standards asked to be maintained have made our division a more professional and better equipped law enforcement department."

The KACP accreditation process is a progressive and time-proven way of helping law enforcement agencies evaluate and improve their overall performance. Accredited departments benefit from the use of consistent and proven procedures, clearly outlined policies, and efficient practices. The main program does the following:

- Provides a means of independent evaluation of agency operations.
- Provides a basis to correct deficiencies in the agency's operations before they become public problems.
- Requires that agencies commit policies and procedures to writing.
- Provides a norm for an agency to judge its performance.
- Has the potential to reduce liability insurance costs.

- Promotes accountability among agency personnel and the evenhanded application of policies.
- Enhances the reputation of the agency, thereby helping to attract the most qualified candidates for employment.
- Minimizes an agency's exposure to liability, reducing vicarious liability suits.
- Builds a stronger defense against lawsuits and citizen complaints.
- Increases the community's confidence in its police/sheriff department.
- Recognizes agencies for meeting standards of excellence.

The Kentucky ABC Enforcement Division investigators are strategically located throughout the state to maximize their special emphasis on the enforcement of Kentucky's alcohol laws. Investigators also work closely with Education Division staff to promote awareness of alcohol and tobacco laws in Kentucky and to prevent use of alcohol and tobacco products by minors.

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